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The Pastor's Pen "Thanksgiving"

The words "thank" and "think" come from the same root, reminding us that thanksgiving comes from thinking about our blessings. That's what David did in Psalm 34. He declared: "Bless the Lord at all times. I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears."

As the 90-ton Mayflower sailed for the New World on August 5, 1620, the 102 Pilgrims huddled in dark, low-ceiling holds. The Pilgrims prayed and praised during their seven-week voyage. Upon landing "they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven, who had brought them over the furious ocean and delivered them from all their perils and miseries..."

God deserves our thanksgiving too. He calms our storms and guides us to our desired haven. America's greatness is due to the deep convictions of her founders. Unfortunately, many have forgotten that half the Pilgrims died during their first winter in Plymouth. The onset of Spring found them wondering if any of them would survive, but that's when God intervened. An Indian named Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to catch eels, plant corn and survive by stalking deer, refining maple syrup, using herbs for medicine and trading beaver pelts. Without him, the Plymouth Colony would not have survived, and that's why at the end of growing season the Pilgrims and Indians celebrated Thanksgiving.

Similarly, our heavenly Father knows our needs before we ask and at unexpected moments. He will send us the right person or provision to help us. Just when you need Jesus, He is near — "ready to secure" says Thomas Jefferson, "when we recognize that those liberties are from God.: That's why we should make everyday a Thanksgiving.

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November Refreshment Schedule



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| Sunday, Nov. 4 | A,B,C,D,E |
| Sunday, Nov. 11 | F,G,H,I,J |
| Sunday, Nov. 18 | Consecration Sunday |
| Sunday, Nov. 25 | K,L,M,N,O |

If your last name begins with the letters of the day, please consider bringing something to share for about 8-10



PRIME TIMERS NEWS

Prime Timers will meet Tuesday, November 19, at noon in the fellowship hall. The featured guest speakers will be Melissa Deavers-Lowie, Portage Township Schools communications director. She will inform attendees of the current developments within the school corporation. Bring your questions to the gathering. An ample November appropriate meal will be served for \$9 payable at the door. To ensure your seat, call Jayne Mann at 219-218-3670 or Judy Petrou at 763-2186 no later than the Sunday before the meeting. Everyone is welcome.



A Word From The Children's Ministry

Thankful for Children

As many know, we have a houseful of kids, six in total. I could be at the store with half of them and I'll get comments about my hands being full. I couldn't begin to count how many times I've been asked if I'm part of a school group when out in public. "I don't know how you do it" is a comment I get quite often.

While all of these remarks come with good intentions, in my opinion, they reveal an underlying assumption: Kids can be difficult.

While my bank account may be a little lighter, and my furniture a little more worn, I try as often as possible to focus on how much more fulfilling my life is because of them.

Babies show me how innocent and precious life is.

Toddlers remind me to find amazement in the little things, like how exciting a garbage truck is, and to love with your entire being.

Preschoolers remind me to live in the here and now, to persevere, and to be abundantly thankful when someone does something nice for you.

Our six-year-old shows me to be honest and seek justice.

Our eight-year-old reminds me to live simply and pray often, even for the little things.

Preteens remind me that everyone needs to be loved and accepted.

Teenagers show me how to find balance between freedom and depending on others.

And above all, they all remind me that God is a good father. "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him." (Matthew 7:11 NLT)

I am overwhelmingly thankful for my children, and I thank God for them.

Fall Back



Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 4th!

ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Stewardship

The first two Sundays of November (4, 11) are our Stewardship Campaign for 2019. Kindly give prayerful consideration for your pledges for next year.

Sunday, November 18

- **Consecration Sunday (taking of pledges)**

Sunday, November 18

- **Thanksgiving Service and a catered Celebration Dinner**

THE RIGHT TO VOTE

(November 6th)

Exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. Vote for the candidate who is good for our country and state. One is who will promote justice and peace and will enhance our economic welfare. Remember, that no matter if your candidate does not get elected, you have exercised your right to vote.



Historical Society of Ogden Dunes

English Holiday Tea
at Hour Glass Museum
Sunday, December 2

Noon– 2:00 p.m.
and 3 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

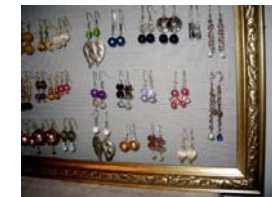
\$15 per person

It's Pledge Time

Why we give to the church

We give to the work of Christ's church a portion of the gifts that God has already given us. We give:

- in response to God's grace in sending His Son;
- in response to the love of Jesus Christ's dying for us;
- in response to the gifts of life which we have so abundantly received;
- in response to the opportunities God gives us to discover the meaning and purpose of life;
- in response to His presence in our lives when we



Ogden Dunes Women's Club Arts and Crafts Fair

The Ogden Dunes Women's Club will be hosting its annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ogden Dunes Community Church at 116 Hillcrest Road. Find handmade jewelry, soaps and lotions, shibori wall hangings and more. A bake sale will be on site, as well as chili, soup and beverages for eating-in or take-out. Join us for a fun day of shopping and sustenance! Your patronage supports

Journey To Bethlehem Program

When: Friday and Saturday on December 7th and 8th.

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a free walking tour with live animals.

Where: Ogden Dunes Community Church